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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-269223, published October 9, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-269285, published October 9, 1998
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-265456, published October 7, 1997.

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4. Keisuke Nakayama and Akira Kumano: "Intaanetto honyaku saabisu to jisho deeta shuushuu,"(Internet translation services and dictionary data collection) Denshi Joho Tsushin Gakkai Gijutsu Kenkyu Hokoku, Japan, Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers, 19 March 1999, Vol. 98, No. 680, pages 1-6.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-25176, published January 29, 1999.
6. Misako Sato: "Intaanetto koukoku bijinesu,"(Internet advertising business) Internet ASCII, Japan, ASCII Corporation, 1 May 1999, Vol. 4, No. 5, pages 196-199.
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-101573, published April 7, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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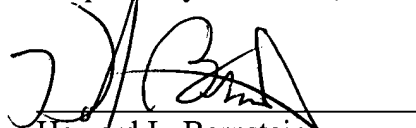
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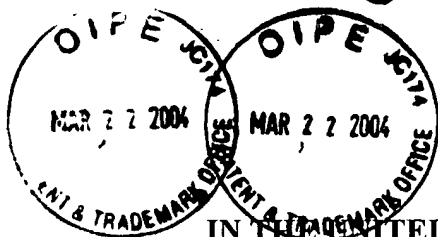
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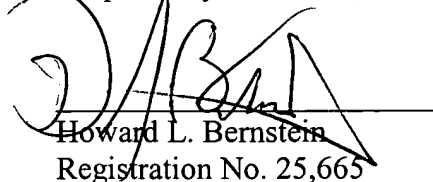
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· Remarks

As can be seen in Cited Literature 1 through 4, the prior art constitution of the present application is a well-known constitution.

Furthermore, regarding the idea of charging a fee to the information provider is a conventional means in the advertising field, and is thus a technique which would naturally be used in cases where the information, etc. provided by the information provider has the character of advertising. In particular, the constitution of the present application does no more than to employ well-known techniques of advertisement charging such as click-guaranteed advertisement charging. (Cited Literature 5-6, etc.)

- Fields searched           IPC 7th Edition    G06F 17/60 and others
- Prior Art Literature       Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-101573

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